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TO AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE IMMEDIATE

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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, LA, US, PINR, PINS, PFOR

SUBJECT: AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE OVER LAOS

1. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S COMMENTS REGARDING MOST APPROPRIATE WAY OF CHARACTERIZING SOUVANNA'S POSTURE WITH RESPECT TO OUR CONTINUED UNARMED AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE. SPECIFICALLY, IS IT CORRECT TO SAY THAT SOUVANNA HAS REQUESTED THAT WE CONTINUE OUR RECONNAISSANCE, OR CAN WE SAY ONLY THAT HE HAS ACQUIESCED IN THAT CONTINUATION?
2. CORRECT CHARACTERIZATION WILL BE IMPORTANT IN EVENT WE MUST RESPOND TO CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRIES ON THIS SUBJECT. RUSH

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